Compensation to Bhopal Gas tragedy Victims

574. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the District Court of Bhopal has ruled that compensation for injuries or loss of life, property job, etc. to Bhopal gas victims be paid by the Union Carbide; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to guard the victims, interests and get the ruling implemented; and

(c) what penal action has been initiated against the Union Carbide for this worst accident in world's industrial history?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The District Judge, Bhopal has directed Union Carbide Corporation to deposit a sum of Rs. 350 crores for payment of interim compensation for the gas victims. A revision petition in the High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Jabalpur was filed by the Union Carbide Corporation against this order. The revision petition which was opposed by Union of India has been heard by the Hon'ble High Court and orders are awaited.

(c) The Central Bureau of Investigation, which had been investigating into the criminal case, has filed a charge sheet on 1st December, 1987 before the Chief Judicial Magistrate Bhopal against the then Chairman of Union Carbide Corporation and the then Chairman of Union Carbide India Ltd. and 8 other employees of UCC and UCIL charging them for various offences under Indian Penal Code.

LPG Facilities

575. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of cities and town of U.P., M.P., and Rajasthan which have been provided with LPG facilities till December, 1987;

(b) the number of petrol pump dealers and gas agency holders in these States till December, 1987; and

(c) by when the remaining cities and towns of these states are likely to be provided with this facility?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) The required information is given in the attached Statement (*See* below).

(b) The number of retails outlet (petrol/diesel) dealerships and LPG distributorship on operating in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan as on the 31st December, 1987 was as under:

Name of the State	No. of retail outlet dealerships	No. of LPG distributorships
Uttar Pradesh .	1703	324
Madhya Pradesh .	806	172
Rajasthan . .	780	107

(c) LPG distributorships in the country, including in Uttar Pardesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan are being established in a phased manner at locations with a population of around 20,000 and above (as per 1981 Census) and offering suffi-

cient potential for economically viable marketing of the product. The oil industry also identifies locations for development of Retail outlets based on Volume| distance norms evolved for this purpose. Locations which are found feasible are included in the annual Marketing Plans.

Statement

Names of cities and towns in U.P., M.P. & Rajasthan having LPG facility (as on 31-12-87)

UTTAR PRADESH

1. Allahabad
2. Varanasi
3. Lucknow
4. Kanpur
5. Meerut
6. Gorakhpur
7. Agra
8. Hardwar
9. Rishikesh
10. Dehra Dun
11. Roorkee
12. Muzaffarnagar
13. Saharanpur
14. Aligarh
15. Ghaziabad
16. Bareilly
17. Jhansi
18. Raibareilly
19. Mirzapur
20. Faizabad
21. Nainital
22. Farukhabad
23. Pauri
24. Uttarkashi
25. Tehri
26. Ranikhet
27. Srinagar
28. Pithorgath
29. Almora
30. Pratapgarh
31. Kotdwara
32. Haldwani/Kathgodam
33. Kashipur
34. Ruderpur
35. Mathura
36. Etawah
37. Sitapur
38. Unnao
39. Ballia
40. Jaunpur
41. Ferozabad
42. Bulandshahr
43. Moradabad
44. Deoria
45. Banda
46. Shajahanpur
47. Fathapur
48. Bijnor
49. Gopeshwar
50. Kalagarh
51. Azamgarh
52. Khalilabad
53. Muradnagar (R)
54. Pantnagar
55. Churk (R)
56. Bamauli (R)
57. Phulpur(R)
58. Mugalsarai (R)
59. Anpara (R)
60. Lohaghat
61. Didihat
62. Dharchula

63. Dakpathar
64. Gazipur
65. Narrora(R)
66. Modinagar
67. Bageshwar
68. Vrindaban
69. Memoura (R)
70. Mussorie
71. Fathegarh
72. Khatauli
73. Lansdown
74. Shaktinagar (R)
75. Khadia (Singrauli)
76. Amethi
77. Tanakpur
78. Ramnagar
79. Amroha
80. Maunath Bhanjan
81. Rihandnagar (R)
82. Mawana
83. Jagdishpur (R)
84. Basti
85. Obra
86. Deoband
87. Lalitpur
88. Pilkhuwa
89. Baraut
90. Hathras
91. Kasimpur (R)
92. Sarsewa
93. Tundla
94. Bahraich
95. Bhadoi
96. Chandpur
97. NOIDA
98. Baheri
99. Ujhani
100. Seehara
101. Khatima
102. Anola
103. Nagina
104. Kiratpur
105. Hapur
106. Robertsganj
107. Kesganj
108. Mohoba
109. Tilhar
110. Kichcha
111. Shamli
112. Kandhia
113. Anoopshani
114. Etah
115. Barabanki
116. Rampui
117. Sambhal
118. Sultanpur
119. Pilibhit
120. Mainpuri
121. Babina
122. Badaun
123. Balrampur
124. Chandausi
125. Dhampur
126. Hardoi
127. Konch
128. Mauranipur
129. Mankapur
130. Naini
131. Orai
132. Palia Kalan
133. Rath
134. Sardhana

135. Shikohabad
136. Sikandrabad
137. Tanda

MADHYA PRADESH

1. Bhopal
2. Gwalior
3. Jabalpur
4. Ujjain
5. Indore
6. Raipur
7. Sagar
8. Mhow
9. Damoh
10. Ratlam
11. Bhilai
12. Satna
13. Hoshangabad
14. Bilaspur
15. Nagda
16. Chhatrapur
17. Korba
18. Burhanpur
19. Guna
20. Bhind
21. Shivpuri
22. Datia
23. Morena
24. Mandasaur
25. Panna
26. Akaltara (R)
27. Damtari
28. Rajnandgaon
29. Propelpur (R)
30. Rewa
31. Nayagaon (R)
32. Paras
33. Dewas
34. Piparia
35. Barwani
36. Dabra
37. Ashoknagar
38. Chirimiri (R)
39. Mahasamund
40. Neemuch
41. Jagadalpur
42. Morwa
43. Kirandul (R)
44. Maihar
45. Mahendragarh
46. Waidhan (R)
47. Churcha (R)
48. Vijaypur (R)
49. Raigarh
50. Sanawad
51. Sheopur
52. Sircni
53. Kawardha
54. Baoheli
55. Ambikapur
56. Mungeli
57. Bhatapara
58. Durg
59. Hamtari
60. Mangllagaon
61. Jhabua
62. Khandwa
63. Amla
64. Jabalpur
65. Jaora
66. Khargone
67. Kurasia
68. Narsinghpur

69. Raisen
70. Rajhara/Jharandali
71. Shajapur
72. Sidhi
73. Tikaggarh

RAJASTHAN

1. Jaipur
2. Ajmer
3. Jodhpur
4. Pilani/Jhun Jhunu
5. Udaipur
6. Kota
7. Bikaner
8. Sriganganagar
9. Bharatpur
10. Mount Abu
11. M. Pali
12. Tonk
13. Bewar
14. Chittorgarh
15. Bhilwara
16. Sawai Madhopur
17. Alwar
18. Khetrinagpur (R)
19. Makrana
20. Hindaun
21. Gangapur
22. Barmer
23. Abu Road
24. Balotra
25. Hanumangarh
26. Ratangarh
27. Sujangarh
28. Nokha
29. Nagaur
30. Jaisalmer
31. Jhalawar
32. Rawarbhata
33. Jhalarapatan
34. Bundi
35. Churu
36. Dausa
37. Deeg
38. Jalore
39. Nimbahar
40. Sardarshahar
41. Sikar
42. Suratgarh

R stands for Restricted. A distributorship awarded directly to a project for restricted supply to its employees.

LPG Connections

576. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state.

(a) the number of persons who have been registered for the supply of cooking gas connections in Lucknow and Aligarh cities; and

(b) by when they are expected to be provided with LPG connections?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) The waiting list as on 1-1-1988 in Lucknow and Aligarh was around 50,000 and 12,000 respectively.

(b) Release of new LPG connections is done by the oil industry all over the country, including Lucknow and Aligarh, in a phased manner under its annual programme for enrolment of customers subject to augmentation in availability of LPG and bottling capacity.